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Attached is in answer to your office action summary dated 05/17/05


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Patent Application

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for

Title: Exercise Device Portable Abdomen Reducer

To: L. Amerson, Art Unit 3764, Application/Control Number 10/672,020

Re: Your office action summary dated 05/17/2005

1. To start I am dismissing Mayer US-3,077,613, Lui US-5,160,306, Tardif US6,705,974 and Hern US-5,141,482 as incidental with very little application similar to my invention. You can consider them as you will.

2. In answer to Hunker US-5,342,274. Yes his invention is similar to my invention in that it is anchored under a door. That is where the similarity ends.

A. His invention has two flexible cords. My invention has one non stretchable cord.

B. His invention has two handles. My invention has one handle which can be used with one hand, two hands or no hands.

C. His foot retainer is designed in such a way that the toes fit under it. Thus the user of his design must bend the knees at approximately a 90 degree angle in order to use it. This is not a true sit-up but is a partial sit-up. My design permits the user to lay the back of the leg flat against the floor in order to accomplish a full, true sit-up.

3. My invention is unique, yet you have found not even one reason to issue the patent. At the same time you have quoted numerous excuses as to why the patent should not be issued.

4. This patent application was filed approximately 2 years ago. To someone my age that is a long time commensurate with the time I probably have left on this earth. I certainly expect better service from a government agency.

5. Either issue the patent or reject it. Let's quit being a nuisance to each other.


Billy Ray Delp

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